

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 6, 2005, the period for response to which extends through October 6, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the claims of Group I (claims 1-3), allegedly drawn to a “microscope with a lens capable of insertion position adjustment, classified in class 359, subclass 381” or the claims of Group II (claims 4-6), allegedly drawn to an “observation method that enlarges an image with a solid immersion lens, classified in class 359, subclass 380”.

Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 4-6) for examination.

Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application, including the examination of newly-added method claims 7-16.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants’ undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this

application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

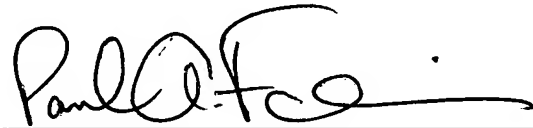
This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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By:

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